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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation, drop hostile leaflets and heat flares and break the sound barrier have continued over the period 21 to 31 January 1994.

21 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah and Jalibah.

22 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih, Salman and Jalibah.

23 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Salman, Jalibah, Amarah and Qurnah.

24 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 33 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and Qurnah.

(c) At 1050 hours, a red remotely piloted aircraft was observed in the Umm Qasr area flying west to east at an altitude of 500 to 1,000 metres.

25 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Aqrah, Rawanduz and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Qurnah, Lasaf, Chabaish and Salman.

(c) At 1155 hours, a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Diwaniyah and the area to the south of Najaf. It disappeared at 1439 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

(d) At 0855 hours, a remotely piloted aircraft coming from Saudi Arabia dropped leaflets between Shu'aybah and Wahdah airfield.

(e) At 1500 hours, a remotely piloted aircraft was observed in the Dayr area.

(f) At 1358 hours, a remotely piloted aircraft was seen descending over the Barjisiyah area.

26 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Jalibah and Shatrah.

27 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Qurnah.

(c) A TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah and Qal'at Salih. It disappeared in the Hafar al-Batin area inside Saudi Arabia.

28 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 58 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Shirwan, Rawanduz, Dukan, Qal'at Dizah, Raniyah, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 0958 hours on 28 January 1994, a remotely piloted aircraft violated Iraq's airspace over Basra, Safwan, Shu'aybah and Jabal Sanam. At 1620 hours it returned in the direction of Kuwait.

At 1228 and 1257 hours on 28 January 1994, hostile aircraft broke the sound barrier over Batha' and Basra.

29 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 29 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih, Basra and Qurnah.

30 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 30 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Qurnah, Basra and Busayyah.

31 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 31 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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